

Madison County Solid Waste Board Minutes

On December 17, 2008, the Madison County Solid Waste Board chairman Jean Shipp called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. in the Sanitarians Office in the Panky house. Members present were Jean Shipp, David Casebolt, Janet Dochnel, Sarris Marsh and Tikker Jones and Commissioner Marilyn Ross. Others present were Ralph Hamler, Donna Gilman and Holly Barney.

Minutes were read and the correction of Jean Shipp to be added to list of those present at the meeting. Tikker Jones moved to approve the June 18, 2008 minutes with corrections. David Casebolt seconded the motion.

Financial Report: Ralph Hamler R.S. presented the financial report to the board. He reported that the repair line only has \$1,086.00 left in it's account because of repairs needed to be made to 1994 Peterbuilt truck coming to \$15,000.00. This has almost drained our repair account of the projected budget of \$25,000.00 for the year of July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009. Fuel costs as well as tipping fees have taken a toll on our budget for the year. Beaverhead Landfill has increased their tipping fees, from \$22.00 per ton to \$29.00 per ton effective December 1, 2008. This was anticipated and budgeted for in fiscal 2008-2009. The scrap metal and cardboard recycling has helped keep our budget on track. Ralph stated that our revenue accounts are at 80% for this year. Ralph stated that we have never used 100% of our projected budget and this year we may spend 80%.

The Solid Waste Board reviewed the Resolution 27-2008 "A Resolution to Increase Solid Waste Fees" approved by the Board of Commissioners on July 15, 2008, which increased Madison County's Solid Waste fees from \$82.00 to \$94.00 per year per unit. Marilyn motioned to approve the financial report and Jean seconded the motion.

Review of the Solid Waste Refund Requests: Donna presented the requests for the solid waste refunds. There was one already removed from tax roll, four requests were approved, and one is pending further review of the possible occupied status of the property. Janet moved to approve the status of the requests as the board discussed. Sarris seconded the motion. All were in agreement.

Virginia City Solid Waste Site:

A lengthy discussion was held in regard to the Virginia City Site. The lease will be up February 28, 2009. We are now paying \$400.00 per month. If renewed, the lease will go to \$750.00 per month starting March 1, 2009. It was discussed that the lease would be too expensive and that an alternate site would possibly be the Old Lagoon Site. However it may not be cost effective to try to create a new site. The cost could very well be \$30,000.00 by the time the access was improved for the semi-trucks to enter safely and the new site was created. Also, the water level may be an issue and the site might be considered a wetland area by the Department of Environmental Quality/Army of Corp of Engineers. Janet brought up the fact that because of the placer mining it may not be considered a wetland area. Ralph is waiting for a response from the DEQ and the Army of Corp of Engineers for a determination.

It was discussed that the recycle Binnies would be placed in Virginia City at a new location.

Janet Dochnel made a motion to recommend to the Commissioners to not negotiate a new lease for the existing site of the Virginia City Container Site when it expires February 28, 2009. Until an alternate site is proposed the residents of Virginia City will need to use the Alder and Ennis sites to dispose of their garbage. Tikker Jones seconded, all voted aye and the motion passed. A notice

will be given to the Town of Virginia City and information will be posted for residences in the Virginia City Post Office.

Recycling Update:

Janet Dochnel reported on the grant she is working on with the Greater Yellowstone Operatives that would allow money for Headwaters Recycling to help Madison County with its recycling of plastic. This is a \$20,000.00 grant that would allow for acquisition of equipment to reduce the volume of plastics at the Ennis container site as well as \$4000-\$5,000 to go towards educating the public in regard to recycling in Madison County. The education money would be given to Headwaters Recycling to educate the public about plastic recycling in the greater Yellowstone area.

Janet would like to see a site at the Ennis container site to be set up for contractors and the public to leave building materials for others to use. The site would be built with donated materials and volunteer labor. Ralph will look into site placement for this.

Ralph read a letter from Rocky Mountain Recycling that we will need to store our cardboard as it is not worth anything currently. We will continue to bale cardboard until prices come back up.

Janet Dochnel and Ralph Hamler will set up a time to meet with Bill Crane to discuss location of the new equipment for the grant. We are on the top of the list to be awarded the grant and should hear the middle of January 2009.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Donna Gilman